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**BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS,**  
**AUDIOLOGISTS, AND HEARING AID DISPENSERS**

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	02/16/2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, President, Presiding  
Heather Smith, Professional Member, Secretary (2:01 p.m. – 3:39 p.m.)  
William Doolittle, Public Member  
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member (2:05 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.)  
Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member  
Brian Whitaker, Public Member (2:21 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.)  
Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
David Manger, Director  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Kijjuana Cann, Professional Member.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Bob Bennett, Capital School District  
Christine Cook, DHSA  
Joyce Denman, Capital School District  
Leia Heckman, DSHA  
Liesl Looney, Nemours  
Patricia Redmond, Nemours  
Harold Santy, Capital School District

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Coats called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2015

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting. Ms. Wolfington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Applications

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Alexa Busler

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Stephanie Carr      Philip Doucette      Christina Painter      Courtney Rich

Ratification of Audiologist Applications

Ms. Wolfington moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to ratify the following audiologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion carried with Mr. Doolittle abstaining.

Lauren Doolittle      Jamie Neary

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Extension Requests

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist licensure extension requests. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Ardovini      Philip Doucette

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathologist License

The Board reviewed Wendy Coral's request for an extension on her temporary speech pathologist license. Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to grant a 90 day extension on Ms. Coral's temporary speech pathologist license. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to approve the following continuing education activities as noted below. Motion carried with Ms. Sullivan abstaining.

Licensee: Jennifer Blackford  
Sponsor: Christiana Care Health System  
Activity: Review of the Literature: Current Healthcare Climate  
Contact Hours: 0.5 PG

Licensee: Meredith Sullivan  
Sponsor: Greater Baltimore Medical Center  
Activity: Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallow (FEES) Conference  
Contact Hours: 10.5 CS

Licensee: Pamela Tyler  
Sponsor: University of Delaware  
Activity: ABCs of IEPs Addressing the Behavioral Concerns of the IEP  
Contact Hours: 5.5 PG

Licensee: Michelle Hersh  
Sponsor: University of Delaware  
Activity: ABCs of IEPs Addressing the Behavioral Concerns of the IEP  
Contact Hours: 5.5 PG

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to approve the following continuing education activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: Birth to Three Early Intervention, Delaware Health & Social Services  
Activity: Routines Based Interview Certification Training  
Contact Hours: 12.5 CS

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to table the following continuing education activities for additional information. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Julie Rementer  
Sponsor: Autism and Educational Diagnostics, LLC  
Activity: Clinical Training Completion of Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2  
Contact Hours: 24.0 CS

Licensee: Pamela Tyler  
Sponsor: Autism and Educational Diagnostics, LLC  
Activity: Clinical Training Completion of Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2  
Contact Hours: 24.0 CS

#### Review of Temporary SLP Application

The Board reviewed the application for temporary speech language pathologist licensure for Harold Santy. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### Deliberations on Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations (Rule 10.0 – Telepractice)

The Board held their deliberations from the November 17, 2015 public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. Ms. Kelly stated the purpose of the deliberations. The Board members introduced themselves for the record. The Board considered the written comments submitted for the November 17, 2015 hearing, which were submitted by: the Governor's Council for Exceptional Citizens, the State Council for Persons with Disabilities, the Delaware Speech Hearing Association, the American Speech Hearing Association, and Illene Courtright. Ms. Williams advised the Board that additional written comments were submitted. The Board considered the written comments from Dr. Yell Inverso, Director of Audiology, Nemours, and Michael Kurliand, Director of Telehealth and CareConnect, Nemours. Additionally, the Board considered the verbal comments from the November 17, 2015 hearing made by Leia Heckman, Christine Cook, and Leisel Looney.

Mr. Whitaker voiced his concerns regarding the proposal, as he believes that face to face interaction between the practitioner and the client is necessary. Ms. Marencin advised the Board that all of the

comments and suggestions from the November hearing would be considered substantial changes to the proposed regulations.

Ms. Kelly informed the Board that the precedence within licensing boards is that a licensee cannot practice outside of the jurisdiction that a licensee is licensed in. She explained that if a patient is located in another jurisdiction, outside of the State of Delaware, than the licensee would need to obtain licensure within the state that the patient is located.

Ms. Sullivan suggested that the Board should not deviate from the precedence that other professional licensing boards have established. Ms. Marencin raised concerns regarding calibration laws and consulting with another practitioner who is manipulating a patient's hearing aid. The Board discussed benefits and disadvantages regarding the proposed regulations requiring all evaluations to be done in a face to face setting.

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfington, to strike the language in proposed regulation 10.2.4.2 pertaining to reevaluations and discharges. Motion carried with Mr. Whitaker opposed.

The Board discussed including a preamble to the regulations to address exemptions such as appointment reminders, billing and administrative duties, etc., and emphasizing that telepractice should only be used as a modality for treatment. The Board also discussed striking the last sentence of proposed regulation 10.1 in that it is not necessary.

Mr. Doolittle moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to reject the proposed amendments and republish the proposed regulations with revisions to regulations 10.1 and 10.2.4.2, as discussed by the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Discussion Regarding Potential Statutory Revisions

Ms. Wolfington moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to table this item until the February 19, 2016 meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she accepted another position within the Division of Professional Regulation and will be working closely with the team assigned to handle the Board to ensure that the transition is smooth. Certificates of appreciation will be circulated during the Board's next regularly scheduled Board meeting for Dr. Connolly-Gaskin and Dr. Xenakes.

Mr. Whitaker circulated written comments regarding the November 17, 2015 meeting minutes. Ms. Williams advised the Board that the minutes summarize the meeting, and are not verbatim. She explained that the minutes cannot be modified to clarify what was intended, but what actually occurred during the meeting. Mr. Whitaker disagreed and reported that the minutes portrayed inaccurate information. He will submit the written addendum to the minutes in the form of a letter to the Board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Cook inquired if there will be a faster turnaround time for disseminating information to applicants and licensees since the Board has moved to conducting paperless meetings. Ms. Williams advised Ms. Cook that the turnaround time will remain the same. Ms. Cook also inquired about the posting of licenses within

outpatient settings as they contain personal demographic information. She requested clarification if the licenses can be displayed on-site, as opposed to patient waiting rooms. Additionally, Ms. Cook inquired about the potential statutory revisions regarding the ASHA requirement. Ms. Williams informed Ms. Cook that the revisions would require a statutory change, which would not be brought forth until 2017.

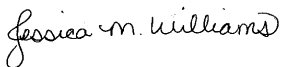
#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist II